

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Michael Helmus Art Unit: 3773  
Serial No.: 10/075,970 Examiner: Tyson, Melanie Ruano  
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Title: BIODEGRADABLE IMPLANTABLE OR INSERTABLE MEDICAL DEVICES  
WITH CONTROLLED CHANGE OF PHYSICAL PROPERTIES LEADING TO  
BIOMECHANICAL COMPATIBILITY

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed August 5, 2011, having a time  
for response of November 5, 2011. This response is timely filed and no fees are believed to be  
due.

Any fees deemed to be due or credit for any overpayment for this application should be  
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Kindly consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims**, if any, begin on page 2.

**Arguments/Remarks** begin on page 5.